

Program Changes

- The Readings and Kaffeeklatches listings in the Pocket Program pp. 116-121 have many wrong times. For correct times check the Program Grid or the Pocket Program's detailed descriptions.
- Cancel WSFS Thurs. noon meeting.
- Add Brotherhood Without Banners fan group gathering 7:30 p.m. Thurs. in Bronze West: Buckingham.
- Add GOH Presentation Rowena Morrill with Kathy and Rowena Morrill Thursday at 9:00 p.m. in Gold East: Columbus EF
- For more Thursday program changes, see Pink Sheet 01 at the Information Desk, newsletter distribution points, or the online Newsletter.

Credits

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David Malki on Worldcon

Last year at Renovation, cartoonist David Malki (www.wondermark.com) attended his first Worldcon. He wrote about his experience on his blog:

“Worldcon is nominally a gathering of science fiction fans, but that spreads to include fantasy, slipstream and horror, steampunk, and similar genres as well. It doesn't have a strong pop-culture component like SDCC or Dragon*Con; it prides itself on being a bit more literary.”

“However, the thing that completely blindsided me

was the social component; the programming and the dealer activities all occur during the day, and then when the con ends, the parties begin.”

“Entire hotel floors throw open their doors; hallways fill with people engaged in conversation; knots of congoers fill couches in lounge areas.”

“Everyone leaves their badge on after hours — a thing that never happens at comic conventions. And people talk! Pros, fans, writers, editors, readers, vendors — they all just hang out and talk. All night long.”

24 Or 6 2 1

The old *Chicago* song *25 Or 6 To 4* is close, but not quite the formula for how to take care of yourself at an extended convention.

Every 24 hours, get at least 6 hours of sleep, eat at least 2 full meals (a handful of snacks from the con suite is *not* a meal), and shower and change clothes at least once.

Note the use of “at least”. If it's 90 de-

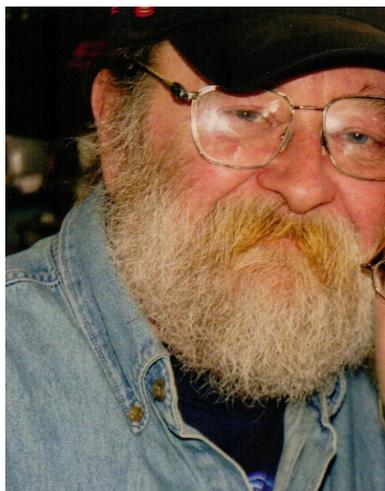
grees out with high humidity and you hike a half hour each way for a great Chicago pizza, you should shower and change again,

“Fan conventions were born out of a need for this connection; before the Internet, before Twitter, even before newsgroups and fanzines, the conventions were what brought like minds together. People showed up to meet other people like them. That is the heart of conventions — finding like minds; seeing something you love and finding other people who love it just as much.”

Kaffeeklatch / Bheer Signups

Signups for Kaffeeklatches and Literary Bheers that start from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. begin at 1 p.m. the previous day. Signups for ones starting at 3 p.m. or later begin at 9 a.m. the same day, both at the table near Registration.

R.I.P. Ken Hunt and Josepha Sherman. See p. 2



Obituaries

Ken Hunt 1955-2012

Chicon 7 Logistics head Ken Hunt died Aug. 20th of a cascading cardiac event. He was known for his love of science fiction, anime, and cooking. He once cooked 50 lbs. of potato pancakes for an X-Con.

Ken loved being with people, to the point where he considered his favorite bar to be his living room when filled with company.

He donated his organs, as well as donating any other remains to science.

Many on the Chicon con agreed that Ken "exuded an aura of calm that said 'I've got this' over everything he did". He will be missed, both by Chicon 7 and the future cons he would've worked on and attended.

Josepha Sherman 1946-2012

SF and fantasy writer and folklorist Josepha Sherman died Aug. 23rd after a long illness. Winner of the 1990 Compton Crook Award for *The Shining Falcon*, she was also noted for her work as an editor at Tor and her Star Trek novels among numerous other works.

Jane Yolen described her as "irrepressible, unstoppable, and never quiet about books". She was a welcome guest at many conventions.

First Night At The Adler Planetarium

Chicon 7 is pleased to present First Night at the Adler Planetarium. All Chicon 7 badges get you free admission to the Adler Friday through Monday, but Thursday night we'll toss in free shuttles from the Hyatt to the Adler, telescope viewing sessions led by trained docents, and (for a \$5 charge) showings of *The Searcher*.

Shuttle service starts from Wacker Dr. in front of the East Tower at 6:00 p.m. and ends at 11:00 p.m.. The event itself lasts from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.. If you prefer to drive, parking will be available for \$13 at the lot off Solidarity Drive.

For more information, see www.chicon7.org/

I'm Walkin', Yes Indeed I'm Walkin'

A Worldcon tradition is the daily morning Stroll With The Stars. Each day, Friday through Monday, a different group of writers, artists, and editors meet at 9:00a.m. at the Big Front Door of the Hyatt (Main Entrance, Atrium Lobby, Green Level, East Tower, on Wacker Drive) to go on a group stroll for some-

Why-Fi? No, How Wi-Fi

The Hyatt is offering free Wi-Fi access in the convention function areas (It's \$12.95 a day in the Hyatt hotel rooms). To access it:

- 1) Connect to the **Hyatt Conference** wireless network.
- 2) Start your web browser to access the login portal page.
- 3) Click on **High Speed Internet Access**.
- 4) Click **Have a username/password**.
- 5) Enter username **WSFS12** and password **scifi** (these are case sensitive).
- 6) Agree to the terms and select **Log In**.

Please be considerate of your fellow fen and do not overload the network by downloading large files.

The Chicago Code

Members are strongly urged to read Chicon 7's Code of Conduct, either online at <http://www.chicon.org/code-of-conduct.php> or on page 6 of the Program Book. The rules stated in the Code will be enforced, and ignorance of them is no excuse.

Chicon Live

Chicon will be projecting images of the convention in the Concourse in the Riverside Center, but we need your help.

To share your photos of Chicon, please bring them by the Live Exhibit table in the Concourse. Or email live-exhibit@chicon.org You can also download them from a thumb drive at the table.

Submit!

Submit photos, news items, restaurant reviews, graft money (hey, it is Chicago), etc. to *The Write Stuff*, either at the email address in the page 2 masthead, or our Submissions Box at the Information Desk. Be sure to check out our online edition at www.chicon.org/newsletter with content we couldn't fit here.